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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Im writing to oppose changes to the 1996 Telecommunications Act that would diminish the ability of independent carriers to compete. I am a residential consumer who benefits from the ability of my carrier, Sonic.net, to access UNE services. If my carriers access to these services were reduced or eliminated, it would have a material negative effect on me due to lack of choice and competition.

Previously, I used Sonic.net for DSL and phone due to their superior service and offerings compared to big providers like AT&T and Comcast. I now use Sonics fiber offering which gives me excellent data and phone connectivity for my personal and work needs, at a highly competitive price and with excellent customer service. If Sonic is unable to compete I will lose those benefits.

Please take my needs into consideration along with other consumers, and reject changes to the law and regulations which will reduce broadband competition.

Thank you.

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